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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
of the
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R
O F H E A L T H
for the
Year Ended 31st December, 1965.

No. 6 Health Area,
"Springfield"
WILLINGTON,
Crook,
Co. Durham.

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G. A. MACGREGOR, M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

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A.R.S.H.
Public Health Inspector.

To the Chairman and Members
of Tow Law U.D.C.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year 1965.

There is little of comment to be made concerning the vital statistics except to call your attention to the low birth rate 12.59 as compared with that of England and Wales 18.0 per 1,000 population and to the high death rate 15.03 as compared with that of England and Wales 11.5. These figures would appear to be consistent with the migration of younger people in search of work leaving the older people behind. Of the deaths 52% were attributable to diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

Among the notifiable infectious diseases there were no cases of dysentery, poliomyelitis, diphtheria or tuberculosis recorded. In connection with the latter three diseases immunisation was continued in the school during the year and the responses were satisfactory (further details are recorded in the report of the County Medical Officer, 1965).

Your Child Welfare Clinic continues to be well attended and thanks are due to you for allowing your Council Offices to be used temporarily for clinic purposes.

The report of your Public Health Inspector is attached.

In conclusion you will be gratified that the general state of health is being maintained at a good level in so far as public health is concerned and I would like to thank you and the Council staff for their help and assistance during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G. A. MACGREGOR.



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CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	2,860
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid Year)	...	...	943
Rateable Value	...	...	44,697
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	165

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	31	18	13
Illegitimate	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>36</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	12.59
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.0

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still)...	13.29
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<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	<u>43</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	15.03
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis ... Nil

Other Puerperal Causes ... Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births			27.78
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales)			19.0
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - legitimate			32.26
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - Illegitimate			-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)			27.78
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ..			27.78
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)... ..			78.95
Deaths from Cancer			4
Deaths from Measles			-
Deaths from Diarrhoea			-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)			-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1960	13.02	19.23	16.93
1961	15.69	63.82	14.04
1962	8.87	-	19.11
1963	14.04	22.72	15.07
1964	14.88	18.18	19.03
1965	15.03	27.78	12.59

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all aged	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 - 5 - 15 - 25 - 35 - 45 - 55 - 65 - 75 & over
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, Bronchus	M	2	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	4	-	-	-
	F	10	-	-	1
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	6	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	1
21. Other Circulatory Disease	M	2	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	1
23. Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-
24. Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-
	F	-	-	1	-
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	M	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-
34. All Other accidents	M	1	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	23	-	-	5
	F	20	1	1	7
					11
					9

Infectious Diseases

	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	12	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	2

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years.

YEAR	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1960	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	3	-
1962	-	-	1	-
1963	-	-	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-
1965	-	-	2	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS

YEAR	New Cases						Deaths					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1960	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965

1. VISITS

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties:-

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	223 visits
(2)	W. C. Conversions and Defective Sanitary Conveniences	84 visits
(3)	Drainage	45 visits
(4)	Food Premises and Slaughterhouses (including visits made when inspecting meat)	124 "
(5)	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	52 "
(6)	Factories and Workplaces	22 "
(7)	Keeping of Animals	9 "
(8)	Insanitary ashpits and receptacles	41 "
(9)	Offensive Accumulations	6 "

2. NUISANCES

The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices. Other nuisances were remedied by informal action:-

	No. of Informal <u>Notices Served</u>	No. of Statutory <u>Notices Served</u>	Defects Remedied <u>after Notices</u>
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	6	-	5

3. SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FOOD PREMISES

124 visits were made to slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, principally in connection with the inspection of meat. The quality of the carcasses presented for inspection and the general hygiene of the slaughterhouse premises continued to be satisfactory.

4. W. C. CONVERSIONS

During the year 18 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 803 water closets and 227 ashclosets in the district.

5. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

During the year 22 inspections of factories were made.

6. FOOD ETC. CONDEMNED

During the year 6 st. 4 lbs. of meat/locseprovisions were condemned and as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the owners concerned or by being buried at the Councils tip.

7. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-60

Inspections under the above-mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.

8. FOOD PREMISES

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:-

1 Bakehouse
4 Butchers
24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners
16 Premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream.

No further premises were registered during the year for the retail of ice cream.

9. HOUSING

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvements and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your Officers.

10 Standard Grants were approved during the year making the number of applications approved since the inception of the Standard Grant Scheme, in 1959, 78 at the end of 1965.

10. MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives details of the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number of Carcasses inspected	51	-	248	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	3.9	-	.004	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-

No carcasses were found to be affected with Cysticerci.

In conclusion I would thank the Members and Staff of the Council for their support and assistance during the year.

J. B. KELLY

Public Health Inspector.

